

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	July 15, 2019	
Name of Agenda Item:	Public Defender Contract Amendment	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
		Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments:		
1) Contract Amendment		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The City of Lynden contracts with a private attorney, Dan Parsons, to serve as our Public Defender. As you know, the Court assigns a public defender to people accused of crimes but who cannot afford an attorney to represent them in court. Mr. Parsons has performed that service for the city for several years and is generally well regarded by members of the court and others in the legal community.</p> <p>Mr. Parsons recently had personal issues that caused concern about his ability to continue in his role as Public Defender. The attached contract amendment requires him to follow certain terms and protocols to continue serving in that role. The document was prepared by our City Attorney and reviewed by members of the court and by medical professionals.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Approve the attached contract amendment for Public Defender services		